

WHAT IS CLAIMED IS:

1. A play-back device comprising:

a plurality of play-back sources;

5 a first output unit and a second output unit for selecting at least one of the play-back sources to output play-back signals from the at least one of the play-back source;

a first operation unit for operations relating to the first output unit; and

10 a second operation unit for operations relating to the second output unit,

wherein the improvement includes a control unit for inhibiting, when a common play-back source is selected by the first output unit and the second output unit and if it is decided
15 that the play-back signals from the common play-back source are in an output-stopped state, the release of the output-stopped state even if the operation to release the output-stopped state is done from the second operation unit.

20 2. The play-back device according to Claim 1,

wherein the control unit includes an output stop setting unit for bringing the play-back signals from the at least one of the play-back sources in response to the operation from the first operation unit.

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3. The play-back device according to Claim 1,
wherein the control unit includes:

an interruption detecting unit for detecting an
interruption signal; and

5 an output stop setting unit for bringing the play-back
signals from the at least one of the play-back sources into
the output-stopped state when the interruption signal is
detected by the interruption detecting unit.

10 4. The play-back device according to Claim 3,
wherein the interruption detecting unit detects the
interruption signal to detect the used state of a telephone.

5. The play-back device according to Claim 1,
15 wherein the second output unit is a headphone.

6. The play-back device according to Claim 1,
wherein the first output unit outputs the play-back
signals to the front side of a vehicular compartment, and
20 wherein the second output unit outputs the play-back
signals to the rear side of the vehicular compartment.

7. A play-back device comprising:
a first operation unit and a second operation unit for
25 operations to control the output states relating to play-back

signals from a play-back source,

wherein the improvement includes a control unit for inhibiting, when the play-back signals from the play-back source is set in an output-stopped state in response to the operation
5 of the first operation unit but even if the operation to release the output-stopped state is done from the second operation unit, the release of the output-stopped state.

8. A play-back device comprising:

10 a first operation unit and a second operation unit for operations to control the output states relating to play-back signals from a play-back source,

wherein the improvement includes:

an interruption detecting unit for detecting an
15 interruption signal; and

a control unit for inhibiting, when the play-back signals from the play-back source is set in an output-stopped state in response to the detection of the interruption signal by the interruption detecting unit operation of the first operation
20 unit but even if the operation to release the output-stopped state is done from either the first operation unit or the second operation unit, the release of the output-stopped state.

9. The play-back device according to Claim 8, further
25 comprising:

a priority setting unit for setting a priority for the first operation unit and the second operation unit,

wherein the control unit inhibits the release of the output-stopped state even if the operation to release the output-stopped state is done from the lower priority one of the first operation unit and the second operation unit on the basis of the priority set by the priority setting unit.

10. A play-back device comprising:

10 a plurality of play-back sources;

a first output unit and a second output unit for selecting at least one of the play-back sources to output play-back signals from the at least one of the play-back sources;

a first operation unit for operations relating to the first output unit; and

a second operation unit for operations relating to the second output unit,

wherein the improvement includes:

an interruption detecting unit for detecting an interruption signal;

an output stop setting unit for bringing play-back signals from the at least one of the play-back sources when the interruption signal is detected by the interruption detecting unit; and

25 a control unit for inhibiting, when a common play-back

source is selected by the first output unit and the second output unit and if it is decided that the play-back signals from the common play-back source are in an output-stopped state, the acceptance of the operation even if the operation relating to the play-back signals in the output-stopped state is done from the second operation unit.

11. A play-back device comprising:

a plurality of play-back sources;

10 a first output unit and a second output unit for selecting at least one of the play-back sources to output play-back signals from the at least one of the play-back sources; and

a first operation unit and a second operation unit for operations to control the output state relating to the play-back signals from the at least one of the play-back sources,

15 wherein the improvement includes:

an interruption detecting unit for detecting an interruption signal; and

a control unit for inhibiting, when the interruption signal is detected by the interruption detecting unit, the acceptance of an operation to control the output state relating to the play-back signals from the play-back source selected by the first output unit, even if the operation is done from the second operation unit.

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12. A play-back device according to Claim 11,
wherein the control unit inhibits, when the interruption
signal is detected by the interruption detecting unit, the
acceptance of the operation of the second operation unit to
5 control the volume of the play-back signals from the play-back
source selected by the first output unit, even if the operation
is done from the second operation unit.

13. A play-back device according to Claim 11,
10 wherein the interruption detecting unit detects the
interruption signal to detected the used state of a telephone.

14. A play-back device according to Claim 11,
wherein the first output unit outputs the play-back
15 signals to the front side of a vehicular compartment, and
wherein the second output unit outputs the play-back
signals to the rear side of the vehicular compartment.